# OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To serve as the central point of contact for all Public Safety dispatch communications and provide emergency management for all natural and man-made disasters impacting the City.

#### **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

The department is structured to provide three major missions:

- 1) Emergency Communications/911
- 2) Emergency and Disaster Management
- 3) Physical/Building Security

The Norfolk Division of the Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response serves as the first point of response for Public Safety in the City. The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) is the City's consolidated 911 and dispatch center and is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The ECC personnel respond to all 911 and non-emergency calls for services and are responsible for dispatching all police and fire/rescue responses within the City, as well as on the Naval Base and Norfolk International Airport; and point of contact for all multijurisdictional, state and federal notifications regarding public safety and emergency management.

The Norfolk Division of **Emergency and Disaster Management** (EDM) provides services to the City organization and the community to prepare an effective response to natural, technological, and human-caused disasters. Norfolk coordinates with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), State Department of Emergency Management and surrounding local governments and military communities.

EDM also provides disaster planning and recovery assistance to City departments and coordinates terrorism response related activities of various departments and assists in delivery of terrorism awareness to City employees.

The Division of **Physical Building Security** provides oversight of the security program for City departments and agencies. This program is designed to meet City of Norfolk's everyday and emergency building security requirements

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The total budget for the Emergency Preparedness & Response is \$5,946,500. The FY2005 budget includes \$15,000 for overtime, \$24,000 for Cavalier system database, and \$3,024 for additional wireless trunks. The FY2005 budget also includes the transfer of Infrastructure Security (\$698,550) from Facilities and Enterprise Management into the Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response.

### **KEY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- Upgrade of the ECC with new radio, telephone, call management information, and computer aided dispatch systems.
- Complete coordination on communications protocol for fire-rescue responses into the Downtown and MidTown tunnels.
- Continue to revise and improve public safety and communications protocols in response to events at the Norfolk International Airport.
- Have a viable, immediately accessible relocation site(s) when evacuation of the ECC is necessary.
- Upgrade the Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response with state-of-the-art computer technology.
- Revise all departmental plans and place plans on City intranet.
- Continue to review potential grant availability for EOC and First Responders.
- Total revision of ECC standard operating procedures and recurring training.

# PRIOR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Hurricane Isabel demonstrated the vulnerability of Norfolk's infrastructure. Norfolk City employees did an outstanding job in following emergency plans that were coordinated through NDEM via the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). To support this planning NDEM continues to evaluate the City's infrastructure and critical facilities. A prime goal of NDEM is not only quicker restoration, but also better situational assessment that will allow government to evaluate the impact on the community that will aid in an overall recovery strategy.

NDEM's leadership has crafted a plan that moves the City of Norfolk closer to meeting its All-Hazard needs in a financially responsible manner. The NDEM accomplishments would not be possible without the ongoing efforts on a hard-working and dedicated staff and members of the many support agencies that assist in this important work of City of Norfolk and regional decision-making.

The City implemented a new state-of-the art Computer Aided Dispatch System (CADS) as well as Mobile Data System (MDS) in November 2003. Five years of planning went into the delivery of these and other systems that now provide location-driven recommendations of public safety personnel, vehicles and apparatus for a faster response time to public safety calls for service. In addition, new state-of-the-art computer based radio dispatch consoles were put into operation in the ECC, providing increased capabilities for day-to-day communication with public safety responders, as well as increased configurability when the need arises

	FY2002 ACTUAL	FY2003 ACTUAL	FY2004 APPROVED	FY2005 ADOPTED
Personnel Services	-	3,274,100	4,033,600	4,602,900
Materials, Supplies and Repairs	-	93,900	184,700	316,500
General Operations and Fixed Costs	-	395,000	593,900	1,023,000
Equipment	-	800	3,800	3,800
All Purpose Appropriations	-	9,500	200	200
TOTAL	-	3,773,300	4,816,200	5,946,500

Note: Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response became a Special Revenue Fund in FY03.

Revenue Summary							
	FY2002 Actual	FY2003 ACTUAL	FY2004 Approved	FY2005 ADOPTED			
Emergency 911 Tax	-	3,372,603	3,985,000	4,185,000			
Recovered Costs-Recovery and Rebates	-	930,363	688,300	649,300			
Transfer from General Fund	-	-	99,300	-			
Interest on Investments	-	2,939	-	1,112,200			
Rollover from Prior Year	-	-	44,600	-			
TOTAL	0	4,305,905	4,817,200	5,946,500			

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Programs & Services						
	FY2003 Actual	FY2004 Approved		FULL-TIME POSITIONS		
EMERGENCY SERVICES	3,763,800	4,816,200	5,247,900	85		

Contribute to a safe City environment in which Norfolk citizens can feel safe and secure by manning and operating the City's only 911 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) and answering all 911 and non-emergency phone calls originating in the City for Police, Fire-Rescue calls.

Programs & Services						
	FY2003 ACTUAL	FY2004 APPROVED		FULL-TIME POSITIONS		
PHYSICAL BUILDING SECURITY	9,500	0	698,550	10		
Provides oversight of the security program for City departments and agencies.						
TOTAL	3,773,300	0	5,946,500	95		

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# Strategic Priority: Public Safety

TACTICAL APPROACH: Emergency Operations Center

To maintain and continually enhance an integrated, cost-effective safety emergency communications network.

PROGRAM INITIATIVES	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	Change
Dispatched calls (annual basis)	425,000	425,000	425,000	240,000	185,000
Calls Received	565,373	565,181	565,200	565,200	0

Position Summary							
Position Title	Pay Grade	Minimum	Maximum	FY04 Positions	Change	FY05 Positions	
Administrative Technician	OPS08	25,968	41,513	1		1	
Chief Training Officer-CES	MAP07	38,323	61,266	1		1	
Civil Emergency Services Coordinator	EXE01	59,890	103,438	1		1	
Deputy Emergency Services Coordinator	MAP12	52,605	84,095	2		2	
Public Safety Telecomm I	OPS08	25,968	41,513	8		8	
Public Safety Telecomm II	OPS10	30,430	48,644	52		52	
Public Safety Telecomm III	OPS13	38,867	62,137	9		9	
Public Safety Telecomm Trainee	OPS07	24,023	38,407	9		9	
Security Manager	MAP08	40,798	65,170		1	1	
Security Officer	OPS07	24,023	38,407		9	9	
Support Technician	OPS06	22,243	35,559	1		1	
Technical Systems Administrator	ITO06	32,559	51,052	1		1	
TOTAL				85	10	95	